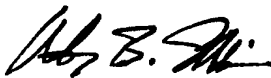


REMARKS

The only issues outstanding in the Office Action mailed May 28, 2004, are the double patenting rejections, and the objection to claims 9 and 10. The Examiner is thanked for pointing out the typographical error in claims 9 and 10, which has been corrected by the foregoing amendment. The scope of the claims has not been changed either literally, or for the purposes of the doctrine of equivalents, by this clarifying amendment. In view of the attached Terminal Disclaimers, it is submitted that the remaining rejections are moot. Accordingly, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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